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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 and 10-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 4-6 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Nakamura et al in view of Sugasaki et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention and Sugasaki et al were commonly owned at the time the present invention was made. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) Sugasaki et al can not be used as a reference in an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Further, Nakamura et al does not teach or